

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS
UNUSUALLY CLEVER

J. V. Ficklin, of Alexandria,
Wins First Prize in
Contest.

BELLS ON BUNCH
OF CLEVER VERSES

Difficulties Encountered in Making
Awards—Breakers Ahead
This Week.

As I intimated several times during the week, the puzzle makers made the task of awarding the prizes in the last contest exceedingly difficult. When it came to a question of timeliness, half a hundred solutions met the eye, and to all appearances, they all arrived at once. Then, when it came to the matter of correctness, not a contestant in the number, but had every single "jingle" properly placed. As to the matter of neatness, the solutions, in the main, were marvels of careful workmanship. Finally, when it came to a consideration of cleverness, the greatest sort of argument ensued, for one considered one form superior to another, and between times the convocation was on the verge of breaking up by the jangling of the chime of ribbon-tied bells which found Miss Mary C. D. Johnston's unusually clever verses together.

I don't know how everything was finally settled, but an effort was made to reward the first-comers, to include the valiant efforts of those not gifted with artistic skill who, nevertheless, put a lot of painstaking work on their solutions, and to recognize the artistic, and the prize winners are:

1st, J. V. Ficklin, 128 Prince street, Alexandria, Va.
2d, Mrs. Lila P. Wallace, 128 Potomac avenue southeast.
3d, Francis H. Randolph, 174 G street northwest.

Solution of Puzzle.
1. Through New York State a great river doth run,
It was named in honor of Hendrick Hudson.
2. That the first white child born in America was a girl, are you aware?
New can you tell her name? Think! It was Virginia Dare.
3. A true friend of the colonists this Indian maiden was,
Who warned them of their enemies, Why, Pocahontas.
4. At one time an enemy of the white man,
Later a friend and an ally, Logan.
5. About this name there's nothing outlandish.
Write it down and see—Captain Miles Standish.
6. In a ship from England a band of settlers with,
Came the name of 'adventurous Captain John Smith.
7. This famous name is a very, very great one,
Written out a full, 'tis General George Washington.
8. This noble man was a stranger well met,
He came from far-off France, did General Lafayette.
9. His first name is William, I'll tell you that, and then
You must finish out the rhyme by simply adding Penn.
10. With the lightning he was intimate,
Oh, you surely know him! Our Benjamin Franklin.
11. With his pen this man much fame won
When he wrote our Declaration, Jefferson.
12. For many years in Paris reposed the bones
Of this great sailor, John Paul Jones.
13. Tho' a prominent person, he was also a murderer.
He killed a man in a duel—this same Aaron Burr.
14. In contempt this man will our people ever hold,
For he wears the name of traitor, does Benedict Arnold.

I've a notion the most industrious puzzle in the whole circle will not complain of the ease with which he will solve the problem I am presenting this week. Neither will anybody have grounds for complaint as to the narrowness of vision displayed by the author of the problem.

Hard Nut to Crack.
Maj. Pierre C. Stevens, of 1729 New York avenue northwest, himself an accomplished puzzle-solver, has arranged the puzzle which follows:

1. A kind of grass; two-thirds wicked.
2. Whirling; a native of a country.
3. A Turkish title of dignity; a con-sentant; in succession.
4. To bluster; a mug; allied.
5. A species of dog; a rooster; to glean.
6. Unaccustomed; a cask.
7. A fish; to acquire.
8. Inexperienced.
9. The female of a domestic animal; to observe; a cover.
10. A cliff; a musical syllable; to bind.
11. The fruit of the dog rose; a circle; protecting frames of glass.
12. Reverence; to exert; the Egyptian name for the coffee tree.
13. A Chinese coin; the winter barley.
14. To envelop; a snare.
15. Candid; to yield.
16. To observe; to discern; a metal; we two.
17. A word of refusal; to peep.
18. Form of the verb to do; to mistake an exclamation.

Names famous in the world of science will be brought to light by those who succeed in working this problem out correctly. All branches, too, are represented—philosophy, art, music, mathematics, architecture, etc. Ancient and modern worthies are included in the circle which is not bound by country, class, or time. Just at the moment I can think of no other hint I may properly extend, wherefore I bow myself off the scene, and bid you "dig."

SHIRRINGS OF NET
OVER SATIN RATTAIL

Shirrings of net over colored satin rattail appear on many of the new lace and net dresses. The color shows through attractively, and the work is necessarily done by hand, so that by no mistake in the sewing the shirring will refuse to pull.

This is but one of many ways of ornamenting the lingerie dress successfully at home; and this cording is a good method for the drawing in of the full skirt around the knees or below them, which is a late development of the designer.

DESIGN WHICH WON THE FIRST PRIZE



Answers Given Inquiries Made by Readers of The Times

Formula Not Known.
A. B. C.—I know of no formula such as you require, and as for a hair-curling fluid capable of keeping the hair in curl at the seashore, I think it is yet to be discovered. However, some of the readers of the Woman's Page may have some good formula which they would be good enough to share with you; if so, I will take pleasure in printing it.

I think there is no method of sponging so the goods will retain gloss. The better plan when buying woolen fabrics is to go to a reliable shop and ask whether or not the material is sponged. You will be told the truth, and if not sponged then it will be wise to leave an order to have it sponged.

The cost will be small and it will certainly be done much more satisfactorily than you could do it.

Besides it would be given the professional finish, something that cannot possibly be accomplished at home by an amateur.

Oxalic Acid For Stains.
Marcella—To remove tea stains use a small quantity of oxalic powder and place on the stain, pouring boiling water over the spot until the stain has nearly disappeared. Oxalic acid is a poison, so care must be used in handling. Moreover it is very hard on the fabric and it is best not only to use the drug in the smallest quantity possible, but after the spot has disappeared, to wash the goods thoroughly to remove every particle of the acid.

To Remove Paint.
J. B.—To remove old paint, take two pounds of sal soda, one-half pound of lime in a gallon of hot water, and after stirring thoroughly, apply to the paint while still warm. The mixture will loosen the paint in a little time so it may be easily removed.

Language of Stamps.
Mrs. A. M. C.—The language of stamps follows:

1. A stamp placed at the right-hand corner—Business, or I wish your friendship.
2. Same corner, crosswise—I send a kiss.
3. Same corner, up-side-down—Write no more.
4. Same corner, horizontally—Do you love me?
5. At bottom right-hand corner—You are cruel.
6. Same corner, up-side-down—Can you not trust me?
7. Same corner, horizontally—You are changed.
8. In middle, right-hand side—Write soon.
9. In middle, right-hand side, up-side-down—I am sorry.
10. Same place, horizontally—I am married.
11. At top, left-hand corner—Good-by, sweetheart.

12. At top, left-hand corner crosswise—My sweetheart's another.
13. At top, left-hand corner, up-side-down—I love you.
14. At top, left-hand corner, horizontally—I hate you.
15. At bottom, left-hand corner—I seek your acquaintance.
16. At bottom, left-hand corner, up-side-down—I wish you joy.
17. At bottom, left-hand corner, horizontally—Will you meet me?
18. In middle-left side—I am engaged.
19. Same place, up-side-down—I long to see you.
20. In middle, left top—Yes.
21. In middle, left top, up-side-down—On condition.
22. In middle, left top, horizontally—Are you jealous?
23. At bottom, in middle—No.
24. At bottom, in middle, up-side-down—You are too loving.
25. At bottom, in middle, horizontally—My parents object.

Better Consult a Physician.
I. K.—Your inquiry cannot be answered in this column, as The Times does not give legal or medical counsel. My advice to you is to seek the services of a reputable physician. A girl of eighteen whose eyes are "dull and dead looking," "quiet, now," called back Mrs. Dover from the stairway. "If you're tired enough to go to bed so early, you're tired enough to go right straight to sleep."

"Yes'm," answered the twins, then winked at Willy who skipped across to the foot of Mrs. Dover's bed and began to dance "Patience" again, whistling softly as he danced.

"That's right, chil-lins," he said, throwing himself on the bed to catch his breath, "you really must get to sleep, for I'm going off now to find Uncle Tuck, and we'll probably be back for a frolic soon after midnight."

"Oh, good-by," laughed the twins. "But say, Willy, what made papa change his mind so suddenly, do you s'pose?"

"About tanning Davy's jacket with his slipper," chuckled Willy. "Oh-h-h, it just-wished he wouldn't!"

(To be continued.)

The Ticklemouse
—and his Sleepyland Adventures
By Roy Rutherford Bailey with Davy and Dorfy

Through the Coal Chute.

(Part I—Willy and the Slipper).
LAST night, a little before bedtime, Mrs. Dover was playing Davy and Dorfy some old songs they always liked. The twins loved to stand up by the piano and sing their songs, and their father would sit pretending to read the paper, but really looking over the top of it and smiling to hear the childish voices in the tunes he had sung when he was a boy like Davy.

When she had come to the end of the old, tattered book, Mrs. Dover closed it and dashed off into a rollicking dance.

"What's that, Mama?" Dorfy asked. "That's 'Patience,' a very old dance your papa used to dance with me." And she smiled at Mr. Dover.

"Come on, Dorfy," said Davy, and away they whirled around the room. All of a sudden they burst out laughing, to the amazement of their father and mother. And who could blame them? For there on the rug, unseen by the grownups but delightfully plain to the eyes of the twins, danced little Willy Wishingmouse, his smile as saucy as his bold eyes as bright, his twinkling feet as nimble as ever!

When the music stopped, Willy, still unseen by the grownups, started for the stairway, beckoning the twins to follow. In his haste to bid his father goodnight, Davy ran plump into the center table, knocking it over and smashing a cut-glass vase to smithereens.

"Now, Davy—look what you've done!" cried his mother. His father rose slowly to his feet and pulled out one slipper.

"David, come here! Look at that mess on the floor. Your mother's best piece of cut-glass! Young man, how often have I told you to look where you're going!"

Davy stuck out a sad lower lip, one eye on the waiting slipper. "I didn't mean to," he said, winking hard. Little Willy Wishingmouse came quietly down the stairs again and fixed his bold black eyes on Mr. Dover's face. Then he shut one eye and stood on one foot. "I wish—"

"Come here, Davy!" I've got to tan your little jacket so's to make you less careless in the future. I simply won't buy it! I—oh-h-h, well, let it go this time."

Mr. Dover's lifted slipper stopped, then went slowly back on his foot. "Kiss your daddy goodnight, and try to be more careful next time!"

The twins kissed him and scrambled up the stairs after Willy Wishingmouse, who was prancing merrily up the steps beside Mrs. Dover. The mother was as



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Daily Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."
Monday, May 16, 1910.

They shall profit who give heed
To their brother in his need.

ON this 16th day the Sun occupies a greatly fortunate position in the zodiac, promising well for all worthy efforts, honorable ambitions and schemes and generous motives.

Return ceases in this period to afflict great wealth with his usual plaguing influence, but still remains unfavorable, indicating that the great and powerful must guard their possessions and their health.

The planet is kindly today toward wage earners, but evil for speculators, money lenders, stock brokers and horse-men.

Accountants, adjusters, calculators, workers with intricate instruments or machinery, chemists, engineers and scientists generally should find the time auspicious.

An excellent sign arises for settling disputes, arbitrating quarrels, making mutual concessions and closing up old accounts.

Travel, especially for health or pleasure, is under good auspices.

The day should prove beneficial for those seeking employment or enlargement of opportunity.

Those in superior positions will profit by doing favors for others.

Magistrates and similar officials will not err in showing mercy today.

Anything connected with slight-seeing is under favoring aspects.

Real estate transactions, building operations and dealing with elderly persons is under the favor of Saturn.

In the household, duck and geese are under good signs.

Persons with this birth-date are likely to hear good tidings during the twelvemonth. They must avoid evil judgment of others.

Children born today are under signs that indicate that they will profit from a thorough education and that they will succeed in life.

PETTICOATS WITH SEPARATE FLOUNCES



By FRANCES CARROLL.

WHILE there are many different styles of petticoats, a brand new idea in petticoat manufacture is none the less worth consideration at the hands of the woman who must make little go a long way. By the skillful use of crepe wool or jersey cloth as a main body and the application of kilts flounces the petticoats pictured may be successfully made to serve many a purpose.

For the woman who is traveling, the idea of these separate flounces will have a special appeal, since with a little extra trouble and the ready adjustment of a wisely chosen set of ruffles, she will be amply equipped with underwear suitable for almost any sort of frock.

The illustrations give some suggestions as to the variety of flounces and frills suitable for such a utility garment.

The idea might be successfully evolved in lingerie petticoats, since one top would serve for several ruffles, ranging from tailored effects in tucks to frilly effects in lace and embroidery.

Washington girls should be sufficiently discriminating to judge whether or not a man is honest and upright and it would be better to give them a chance than have them complain as they are doing in The Times. Take a chance.

In the opinion of many very good-hearted, generous persons, undertaking to introduce utter strangers to one's acquaintances is a responsibility they do not feel called upon to assume. Of course, circumstances alter cases; but, as a general rule, discretion in the matter of giving introductions is not, after all, such a flagrant exhibition of heartlessness as at first glance it may appear, though it surely does increase the hardships of those who leave their circle of home friends to take up life in Washington.

Problem
Of Introduction.
All this is apropos of the letter following.

"Frances Carroll, The Times: Your very commendable efforts to aid young people who are unable to get acquainted with desirable companions, are worthy of more praise and gratitude than I can express.

"A great many people never experience the craving for intelligent, interesting, and pleasant society, and therefore can never understand what a wilderness a large city is to those without friends. Yet to strangers in the city who do not enjoy the company of the class of people that are free to form acquaintances, the situation is almost as barren as a wilderness as far as desirable companionship is concerned.

"Of course, in time, one can gradually gain a few satisfactory friends, but it is very slow and discouraging experience. Young men can form acquaintances easily enough, but such as are easily formed by a stranger are seldom willing to introduce them to the girl friends they have, and, consequently, both their girl friends and the stranger suffer loneliness.

"Is it selfishness in people who have many acquaintances to refuse or neglect to introduce outsiders? It is hard to believe that churchgoers are too selfish to share their circle of acquaintances with strangers who show an inclination to make friends by visiting their church. But the church has proved very unsatisfactory in this respect, according to a number of contributors on this question.

Customs
In Other Sections.
"If it is not selfishness that prevents strangers from getting acquainted, it certainly must be thoughtlessness, or suspicion, on the part of Washingtonians. The South and the West have different customs, and it follows, necessarily, that strangers from the South or West notice the unusually distant attitude referred to and feel the depressing effects.

CHILDREN SUFFER
WALKING TOO SOON

Bowlegs Often Result of
Overeagerness to
Stand.

The age at which a child begins to walk varies greatly.

The child that is not strong, or has been sickly will not begin to walk as soon as the healthy child.

About the eighth month the average child shows inclinations to try locomotion. It will pull itself up and stand a little on its feet during the tenth or eleventh month, it begins to go about alone from the fourteenth to the fifteenth month.

It is much better for the child to creep at first, especially if it is heavy. If walking is tried too soon the legs, which are not yet strong enough to support the weight, will bend under, and bowlegs will result. The maling about that the child does, such as raising itself by its hands to its feet, all help toward strengthening the muscles of the body.

Let the child develop itself naturally and do not force him to an upright position before he is ready for it.

A creeping dress of stoutingham will keep the clothes from getting soiled. It is made long enough to come down over the dress and skirt and to be held in place by a hand that buttons around the waist, the lower part of the skirt having been gathered into it.

Some children do remarkable things—walk even only eight or nine months old, or stand up and walk about without the intermediary practice of creeping; but these are only very exceptional cases.

UNUSUAL DESSERT
FOR SUNDAY DINNER

For the foundation of a novel and palatable dessert take a freshly baked cottage pudding, or some stale cake, which must be steamed enough to moisten, and used while warm. As it must be prepared several hours before serving time, it is especially adapted for a Sunday dinner dessert.

Open a quart can of blackberries, pour into an agate saucepan and bring to a boil. Move to back of stove to keep warm until wanted. Place squares of the warm cake or pudding in an earthenware pudding dish. Cover with generous spoonfuls of the hot berries and juice, then another layer of the cake, packing it in well, then more berries. Alternate until the dish is full, using plenty of the fruit, as the cake will absorb a quantity of juice and cover with a plate and place thereon a heavy weight—a flatiron will answer. When cool, put in the refrigerator, and at serving time it should be turned out of the mold and sliced evenly. Serve with thick, rich cream.

FRUIT BAVAROISE
IS EASILY MADE

For a delicious fruit bavaroise soak two level tablespoonfuls of granulated gelatin in half a cupful of water, and when softened set the dish in hot water until the gelatin is dissolved, add one cupful of rhubarb pulp cooked with sugar until it is like marmalade, juice of half a lemon, and then more berries. Turn into a dish and set where it will chill and become solid. When ready to serve dip the mold in hot water a second, then invert on a cold dish and serve with sliced cherries over the top and a cherry sauce made by thickening canned cherry juice with a little cornstarch when hot, and cooking until creamy.

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